

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED.

FACT SHEET

Approved by the Health Care Financing Administration in 1986, the home and community based services (HCBS) waiver provides community-based services to individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities who would otherwise require the level of care provided in an ICF/MR.

The Division of Mental Retardation Services serves as the Administrative Lead Agency for the Waiver, which is administered under the supervision of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare.

To enroll in the HCBS Waiver Program, you must

- Live in Tennessee
- Be financially eligible for Medicaid
- Meet TennCare criteria for payment of ICF/MR (institutional care)
- Have an adequate support system to assure the health and safety of the individual while receiving services in a home and community based setting (i.e., caregiver, personal emergency response system).

If you qualify to participate in the HCBS program, you may choose between the HCBS program and the ICF/MR. If you chose the HCBS program, you would still be eligible to receive your regular TennCare benefits. However, you would also be able to receive, as needed, the following services:

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| • Support Coordination | • Respite |
| • Day Habilitation | • Family Education |
| • Supported Employment | • Behavior Support |
| • Community Participation | • Personal Assistance Services |
| • Residential Habilitation | • Environmental Accessibility Adaptations |
| • Family Based Living | • Occupational Therapy Services |
| • Supported Living | • Speech, Hearing and Language Services |
| • Nursing | • Nutrition Services |
| • Enhanced Dental | • Transportation |

- Specialized Equipment, Supplies & Assistive Technology
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Physical Therapy Services

If you would like more information about this home and community based program, please contact the following agency in your area.

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